

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for Approval of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project and Authorization to Recover All Present and Future Costs in Rates.

Application 12-04-019 (Filed April 23, 2012)

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING UPDATING SCHEDULE FOR PHASE 2

In response to my Ruling of August 21, 2014, the Settling Parties,¹ Marina Coast Water District, and the Public Trust Alliance filed comments on whether the schedule for Phase 2 of this proceeding should be revised. All parties agree that the Phase 2 Schedule should be delayed, consistent with the delay in Phase 1. The Settling Parties provided a proposed schedule that they assert will provide the Groundwater Replenishment Project proponents a reasonable opportunity to develop that project as a viable component in the water supply portfolio for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Settling Parties that joined in the Comments are California-American Water Company, Citizens for Public Water, City of Pacific Grove, County of Monterey, LandWatch Monterey County, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Monterey Regional Water Pollution control Agency, and Surfrider Foundation. These parties also indicate that certain parties elected not to join with the Settling Parties in the Comments but indicate that they do not oppose the proposed schedule.

Marina Coast Water District contends that the delayed time frame provides an opportunity to hold evidentiary hearings on the Final Environmental Impact Report to be issued in Phase 1 in July 2015. We have rejected Marina Coast Water District's arguments several times and need not consider them here. The Public Trust Alliance asserts that this delay must allow parties the opportunity to discuss potential alternative solutions to the long-standing water supply constraints on the Monterey Peninsula. Interested parties may certainly hold such discussions, as they see fit, but we will not stop the clock on these proceedings.

Accordingly, Judge Weatherford and I revise the Phase 2 Schedule as follows:

November 6, 2015	Phase 2 (GWR decision phase) commences with testimony of interested parties
November and December 2015	Settlement discussions
December 18, 2015	Concurrent Rebuttal Testimony
January 2016	Evidentiary Hearings
February 2016	Briefing
May 2016	Target for Phase 2 Proposed Decision
June 2016	Target for Commission action on Phase 2 Decision

While particular dates are set here for testimony and rebuttal testimony, we will later establish specific dates for evidentiary hearings and briefings. As

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set forth in the Amended Scoping Memo Ruling of September 25, 2013, the assigned Administrative Law Judges may revise and provide further direction on the schedule in this proceeding.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated October 16, 2014, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN
Angela K. Minkin
Administrative Law Judge